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FOR: PISTON ROD ASSEMBLY	§	CONFIRMATION NO. 7162

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35**  
**U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE**  
**(DO/EO/US)**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated November 3, 2006, applicant submits herewith a signed copy of the declaration for the inventors.

A surcharge is due for late filing of the inventors' oath. Please charge deposit account 501285 in the amount of \$65 in payment of the surcharge for late filing of the inventors' oath. Any additional fees required in connection herewith are conditionally authorized to be charged to deposit account 501285 upon which undersigned has authority to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/06/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/06/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/06/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/04/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/06/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/06/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/06/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/06/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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